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SUBJECT: SALE TO SWITZERLAND OF F-5E AIRCRAFT

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1. SWISS PRESS REPORTED JULY 3 THAT FEDERAL COUNCIL (CABINET) ON JULY 2 AUTHORIZED FEDERAL COUNCILOR RUDOLF GNAEGI (IN CHARGE OF MILITARY DEPARTMENT) TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH USG FOR "COMPENSATORY PURCHASES" OF SWISS GOODS TO OFFSET SF 1.3 BILLION (APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 520 MILLION) COST OF F-5E ACQUISITION. COMMUNIQUE RELEASED BY COUNCIL STATED THAT SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT DID NOT MEAN SWISS WERE COMMITTED TO BUY AIRCRAFT; THIS WAS DECISION TO BE MADE BY PARLIAMENT, AND COUNCIL WOULD MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO PARLIAMENT IN FALL. NO FURTHER DETAILS OF AGREEMENT WERE GIVEN.

2. ON JULY 2, COUNCIL ALSO DECIDED THAT IF SWITZERLAND PURCHASES F-5E, FINAL ASSEMBLY WOULD BE MADE AT EMMEN AIRCRAFT FACTORY. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THIS WOULD MEAN SF 40 MILLION (DOLLARS 16 MILLION) IN BUSINESS FOR EMMEN OVER FIVE YEAR PERIOD AND WOULD PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR 110 PERSONS.

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3. COMMENT: WHILE FEDERAL COUNCIL'S ACTION REPRESENTS

ONLY "PRELIMINARY" DECISION TO BUY F-5E, IT MAJOR
STEP FORWARD. NEXT HURDLE WILL BE PARLIAMENTARY CON-
SIDERATION WHICH SHOULD BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER
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